

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## *District Manager's Report*

Happy Veterans Day to all who served and thank you for your service and sacrifice for our country. Veterans Day is an important occasion to honor the courage and dedication of all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, past and present.

The Department of Veteran's Services offers State and Federal benefit for New York's veteran families. To schedule an appointment call 888-838-7697 or visit [DVSinfo@veterans.ny.gov](mailto:DVSinfo@veterans.ny.gov) or [www.veterans.ny.gov](http://www.veterans.ny.gov).

### **NEW LICENSED CANNABIS SHOP**

Community Board 8 welcomes its 2<sup>nd</sup> licensed adult use retail cannabis dispensary! Brooklyn Organic Buds, located at 623 Bergen Street, is now open for in-person sales.

As licensed shops continue to open across the state, the NYC Dept. of Consumers and Worker Protection (DCWP) is seeking your help identifying unlicensed smoke shops in District 8. If there is a smoke shop near you, please email us the name and address of the shop so that DCWP can verify that it is operating legally with the proper license.

Please note that this request is not for cannabis/cannabinoid products and is only for tobacco based products. Cannabinoid products are regulated by New York State, and being a city

agency, DCWP is only concerned with city-regulated tobacco based items. However, that being said, if you see any cannabinoid (specifically marijuana) based shops, you can still send us the information as most of these shops are illegally operated. State officials are currently in the process of accepting and reviewing applications for cannabis premises licenses, but none have been issued to date.

### **SNAP UPDATE**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as "food stamps" provides food assistance for nearly 1.8 million low-income New Yorkers including families, people who are aging and people with disabilities. The program helps families and individuals supplement the cost of their diet with nutritious foods.

On November 6, 2025, a U.S. District Court ordered the federal government to issue full November SNAP benefit payments to eligible households. New York has begun issuing full SNAP benefits to all eligible households. SNAP recipients should have access to benefits by the end of the week for the month of November. However, there will be a slight delay for new applicants who applied in October and were scheduled to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> benefits in November.

The work requirements for Able-bodied adults age 18-64 must work at least 80 hours per month or be engaged in education or a training program or volunteering to remain eligible for SNAP benefits

beyond three months in a three-year period. Because of the government shutdown the work requirement is on pause until March 2026.

Additionally, the benefits of HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) include financial assistance for heating and cooling costs, help with emergency utility situations, and energy-saving home improvements. The program helps low-income households manage their energy bills through direct bill credits, and some locations offer weatherization services, cleaning and tune-ups, or repairs to heating equipment to improve efficiency and safety. HEAP grants are also still on pause until the federal government opens up.

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**HEAT SEASON**

Heat season began on October 1<sup>st</sup> and lasts until May 31, 2026. The Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development has strict minimum heat guidelines that all landlords must follow. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Residents are encouraged to report the lack of heat and hot water to HPD via 311 immediately.

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**GET A PROPERTY TAX BREAK!**

**Reminder: Property Tax Exemption Renewals**  
 It's time for homeowners to renew their property tax exemptions for the 2026–27 tax year, including the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE), Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE), and Clergy Exemption.

Renewal notices were mailed back in October and the **deadline to renew is March 16, 2026**. Homeowners who do not renew may lose their exemption and see an increase in property taxes. Renew online or by paper application. Visit [www.nyc.gov/contactdof](http://www.nyc.gov/contactdof).

**Municipal Services Update**

**The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime reports for the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Precincts covering the week of 11/3/2025 through 11/9/2025.**

<u>77<sup>th</sup> Precinct</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
	2025	2024	%Chg
Murder	4	12	-66.7
Rape	23	20	15.0
Robbery	161	171	-5.8
Felony Assault	400	341	17.3
Burglary	138	128	7.8
Grand Larceny	375	316	18.7
GL Auto	99	94	5.3
Retail Theft	89	109	-18.3
Shooting Incidents	13	24	-45.8
Hate Crimes	3	4	-25.0
Traffic Fatalities	1	3	-66.7

<u>78<sup>th</sup> Precinct</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
	2025	2024	%Chg
Murder	2	2	0.0
Rape	12	4	15.0
Robbery	66	82	-19.5
Felony Assault	135	137	- 1.5
Burglary	99	130	23.8
Grand Larceny	337	399	-15.5
GL Auto	59	89	-33.7
Retail Theft	657	623	5.5
Shooting Incidents	4	25	-20.0
Hate Crimes	6	3	100.0
Traffic Fatalities	1	1	0.0

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 As the leaves continue to fall, let's all do our part to keep our community clean! We remind everyone to follow the Department of Sanitation's residential enforcement routing times — 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM daily.

Please remember to clean in front of your property and 18 inches into the street gutter area. All

sweepings should be bagged and properly disposed of. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our District clean and beautiful.

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### ***BROOKLYN BACKS JAMAICA!***

Hurricane Melissa Resource drive. As Jamaica recovers from the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa, we encourage Brooklynites and organizations to join the relief efforts by dropping off essential items at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS: Baby products: Diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, diaper cream, hygiene products, body soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tampons/pads, hand sanitizer.

RESCUE RELIEF: First Aid kits, sterile gloves, tarps, flashlights.

All items must be new and sealed. Drop-off: Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street (Enter via Adams Street), Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

For more information, please contact Luis Perez, [luis.perez@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:luis.perez@brooklynbp.nyc.gov)

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### ***ATLANTIC YARDS REDEVELOPMENT PUBLIC WORKSHOP***

On Tuesday, November 18, 2025 there will be an Atlantic Yards Redevelopment Public Workshop at Brooklyn Basketball Training Center: 140 Flatbush Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217 from 6-8pm.

The Atlantic Yards Redevelopment will complete this project with mixed use buildings and new public open space. Join Atlantic Yards Redevelopment to learn more and share your ideas on height & density, open space, affordability, and housing types & quality.

Questions can be emailed to [AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov](mailto:AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov) or visit [www.esd.ny.gov/AtlanticYards](http://www.esd.ny.gov/AtlanticYards) FAQ page.

### ***KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP***

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office offers high school, college and legal internships throughout the year. These highly competitive internships offer students a unique opportunity to be part of a district attorney's office. An intern's duties may include assisting in investigations, attending trials, preparing and compiling documents and financial data, conducting and analyzing legal research, and supporting community outreach programs.

Interns are assigned to a general trial zone or to one of the specialized bureaus/units, such as Homicide; Special Victims Unit; Violent Criminal Enterprises (VCE); Domestic Violence; Civil Rights; Victim Services; Crime Strategies; and Investigations.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.brooklynda.org/internships/>.

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### ***FOOD PANTRIES IN DISTRICT 8***

Listed below is a list of food pantries within the boundaries of Community Board 8. For more resources in other zip codes, please visit <https://www.foodbanknyc.org/find-food/#find-food-map>.

#### ***Zip Code: 11213***

##### **Bethany United Methodist Church**

1208 St. Johns Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (718) 774-5689  
Meal Type: Lunch  
Every Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm

##### **Berean Baptist Church**

118 Rochester Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (718) 778-2438  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Friday at 12:30pm

**Church of the Living God**

212 Schenectady Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (631) 309-7449  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every other Saturday 9am – 12pm

**Community Food Pantry**

Corner of Rochester Avenue and St. Marks Avenue  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Tuesday and Thursday 11am – 2pm

**St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church**

1123 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (718) 774- 6747  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Tuesday 9am – 12pm

**Spirit & Word Evangelistic Center (Faith Life Ministries)**

285 Buffalo Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (78) 221-0807  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution Every Saturday at 9am. (Please call to confirm before arrival.)

***Zip Code: 11216***

**New Haven SDA Church**

634 Prospect Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (347) 421-8664  
Meal Type: Lunch  
Every Sunday 11:30am – 1:30pm

**Family Life Development Center**

1476 Bedford Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 230-0100  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Monday 4pm – 6pm

**Greater Unified Free Will Baptist Church**

66 Rogers Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (917) 751-3693  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Wednesday 8:30am – 11:30am

**Bedford Central Presbyterian Church**

1200 Dean Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 467-0740  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month 10am – 2pm

**Hebron SDA Church**

1256 Dean Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 778-6454  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution & Lunch  
Lunch Every Sunday 12:30pm – 2pm.  
Pantry Bag distribution every Wednesday 9am – 10:30am

**Crown Heights Youth Collective, Inc.**

113 Rogers Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 756-7600  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution

***Zip Code: 11233***

**Church of God in Christ on The Hill**

137 Buffalo Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
Phone: (347) 216-7681  
Meal Type: Soup Kitchen & Pantry Bag Distribution  
Soup Kitchen every Friday at 12pm.  
Pantry bag distribution every Friday at 11am.

**Church of Praise and Worship God in Christ**

526 Ralph Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
Phone: (347) 462-5679  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Saturday 10:30am – 1:30pm

**Ebenezer Wesleyan Methodist Church**

47 Rogers Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 467-3624  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution Every Saturday 10am – 12pm. ( Only allows 1 visit per every four weeks.)

**Forte Greene Hugh Gilroy Senior Center**

447 Kingsborough 4<sup>th</sup> Walk  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
Phone: (718) 756-8400  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Tuesday 10am – 12pm

**God's Deliverance Temple, Inc.**

438 Ralph Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
Phone: (347) 444-7675  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Tuesday 11am – 12pm

***Zip Code: 11238***

**Church of God Feeding Hungry**

836 Classon Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
Phone: (718) 230-5955  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution  
Every Thursday 10am – 12pm

***Not in CB8 But a Good Resource***

**Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger**

2010 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
Phone: (718) 773-3551  
Meal Type: Pantry Bag Distribution and more  
Mon-Fri 9:30am – 5:30pm

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***NEED ASSISTANCE?***

Please reach out to the following resources:

**Food Help:** Find locations that offer Free Food (Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens) visit: FoodHelp.nyc.gov.

**NYC Well:** Free, confidential mental health support in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. Call 888-NYC-WELL or text “WELL” to 65173.

**Mental Health For All:** A comprehensive hub with helplines and services that offer a range of free, direct support to meet the needs of all New Yorkers.

**Buildings After Hours:** Free in-person information session with DOB staff every Tuesday from 4 PM to 7 PM at your local borough office.

**Notify NYC:** Enroll for free in New York City’s dedicated emergency public communications program.

**311:** Non-emergency municipal services available online, by texting 311-692, or by calling 3-1-1

from within the City or 212-NEW-YORK outside the five boroughs. TTY service is also available by dialing 212-504-4115.

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***NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH***

Celebrated every November, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers. During National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize the love and sacrifice of more than 50 million Americans providing crucial care and medical assistance to parents, children, siblings, and other loved ones, ensuring their health and dignity.

Families are the primary source of support for older adults and people with disabilities in the U.S. Many family caregivers work and provide care, experiencing conflicts between competing responsibilities. Research indicates caregiving takes a significant emotional, physical, and financial toll. With nearly half of all caregivers older than age 50, many are vulnerable to a decline in their own health. Studies have shown that coordinated support services can reduce caregiver depression, anxiety, and stress, and enable them to provide care longer, which avoids or delays the need for costly institutional care.

No one should have to choose between a paycheck and looking after a loved one. The Department of Health and Human Services’ National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers outlines nearly 350 actions the Federal Government can take to support family caregivers’ health, well-being, and financial security. The American Rescue Plan provided \$145 million to help the National Family Caregiver Support Program deliver counseling, training, and short-term relief to family and other informal care providers.

For more information on services, programs, and funding available for family givers, visit <https://acl.gov/>.

## ***HEALTH AND WELLNESS***

- **American Diabetes Month:** Focuses on prevention and management of diabetes. To learn more about Diabetes email [askada@diabetes.org](mailto:askada@diabetes.org) or call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383)
- **Lung Cancer Awareness Month:** Raises awareness for lung cancer research and support. For more information, call the 24 hour helpline at 800-272-3900
- **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month:** Aims to educate the public and support research for pancreatic cancer. For Pancreatic Cancer Disease Information contact a PanCAN Patient Services Case Manager for up-to-date information about pancreatic cancer, clinical trial searches, personalized medicine and support resources. All information and services are provided at no charge. Call (877) 297-1868 Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pacific Time
- **November:** A global movement for men's health awareness, particularly focusing on prostate and testicular cancer, men's mental health and suicide prevention. To get support, visit <https://us.movember.com/mens-health/get-support>.
- **National Epilepsy Awareness Month:** Aims to reduce stigma and increase understanding of epilepsy. For more information, call the Epilepsy Foundation helpline at 800-332-1000.
- **Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month:** Highlights the impact of Alzheimer's and supports those affected by it. For more information, call the 24 hour helpline at 800-272-3900.
- **COPD Awareness Month:** Focuses on raising awareness for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. For more information, call the helpline at 866-731-COPD (2673)
- **Prematurity Awareness Month:** Aims to raise awareness about the challenges of premature birth. March of Dimes doesn't provide direct patient services, referrals to health care providers or financial support to individuals or families. If you need help paying for medical care, contact [usa.gov](http://usa.gov). If you have

questions about your health or your baby's health, contact your healthcare provider.

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## ***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS***

### **Councilmember Crystal Hudson**

Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway is right around the corner. Each year, with the help of dozens of community partners and almost one hundred volunteers, their office distributes more than 1,000 turkeys — complete with produce and fixin's — to make sure every family has what they need to celebrate the holiday.

The turkey giveaway will be held on on **Saturday, November 22nd**, at **St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (270 Eastern Parkway)** from **11 AM to 3 PM**.

Also, the office of Councilmember Crystal Hudson is proud to host **Lunch & Learn: Aging Well, Living Strong** — a weekly series of lunch and learn workshops created to bring older adults the resources and support they need to thrive.

Each Friday, they will gather at a different site in District 35 for conversations on topics that matter most to older New Yorkers — from navigating Medicare and Medicaid and building digital skills to planning for the future and understanding housing rights. Lunch will be provided, making this a relaxed setting for older adults (60+) to enjoy a meal, learn something new, and connect with neighbors.

Upcoming Sessions (all at 12 PM): **Space is limited — to RSVP, please call their office at (718) 260-9191.**

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### **Councilwoman Darlene Mealy**

The member is hosting the District 41 Community Advisory Board meeting on Saturday, November

15, 2025 from 11am-12:30 p.m at 400 Rockaway Avenue. This event is free and open to the public.

There will be an OATH Resource Session on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 12:30PM at Saratoga Branch Library located at 8 Thomas Boyland Street (at Macon Street). A second OATH Resource Session will be held the same day from 1PM to 3PM at Stone Library located at 581 Mother Gaston Blvd.

Please call the Councilmember's office at 719-953-3097 to confirm.

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### ***BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM***

Brooklyn's Roller Rink is Back!

This November, Brooklyn gets its roller rink back. Empire Skate of Mind brings roller skating to BCM's rooftop terrace, disco music, all-ages fun, and a nod to the legendary Empire Roller Rink that made skating history right here in our neighborhood.

For decades, Empire Roller Rink at 200 Empire Blvd was where Brooklyn came to roll. From the 1940s through 2007, it was the birthplace of roller disco and a community institution, less than a mile from where BCM stands today. Now, they are bringing that spirit back with a fresh spin.

Four Wheels, Endless Fun - Lace up on the rooftop terrace. Step onto the rink. Find your balance or your groove, if you've done this before. Maybe you're teaching your kid to skate for the first time. Maybe they're teaching you. Either way, you're moving together, rolling to disco, your rhythm, your pace. BCM will provide the skates, helmets, and wrist guards. You bring the energy.

And when you're ready for more, the whole Museum is open to you: explore, play, make it a day.

When: November 15, 2025 – April 12, 2026 | Weekdays 2–5 pm | Weekends 10 am–5 pm

Who Can Come Ages 3+. Helmets and wrist guards required (provided by BCM). Caregivers can skate alongside or supervise from the sidelines.

What It Costs: Museum admission: \$15 per person (Free for BCM members and visitors under 1)

Skating Tickets:

With rental skates: \$10 per person (\$8 for members). Bring your own: \$8 per person (\$6 for members).

The Brooklyn Children's Museum is located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue corner of St. Marks Avenue. For more information visit

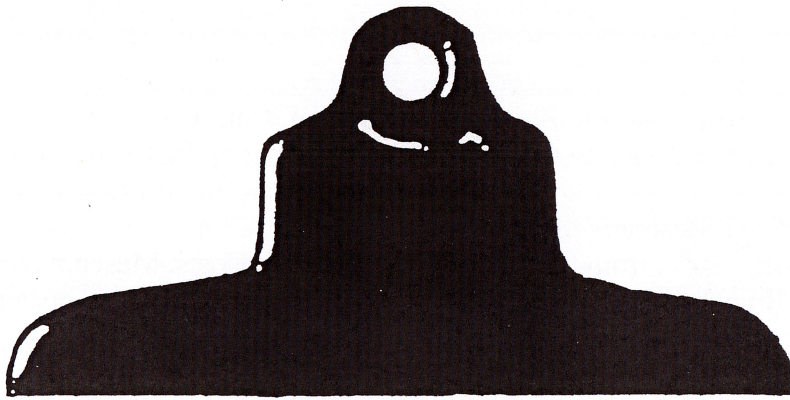
<https://www.brooklynkids.org/exhibits/empire-skate-of-mind/>.

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### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

- **US Postal Service** is actively hiring for full time, part time and seasonal employment. Explore detailed information about some of our top jobs below and find the best fit for you. For a full listing and to apply, visit <https://about.usps.com/careers/>.
- **New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM)** is responsible for coordinating citywide emergency planning and response for all types and scales of emergencies. It is staffed by more than 200 dedicated professionals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, including individuals assigned from other City agencies.

NYC Emergency Management has a variety of vacancies within multiple bureaus across the agency – the jobs summaries below are grouped by bureau. For the full job description, go to NYC.gov/jobs and search by the Job IDs listed below, or scan the QR code to be taken the NYCEM Careers site to learn more about any of the positions below:



*Resiliency Grants Program Manager (Job Id# 755914)*

*Grants Program Manager (Job Id# 755838)*

*Procurement Program Manager (Job Id# 755837)*

*Records Program Manager (Job Id# 720164)*

*Analysis and Evaluation College Aide (Job Id# 754555)*



The **78th Precinct Community Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30 PM at the 78th Precinct, 65 6th Avenue, 4th Floor. For questions or concerns, please email [78petcommcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:78petcommcouncil@gmail.com)

The next **77th Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025. For more information and the location reach out to Community Affairs at 718-735-0634.



Congratulations to board member Briann Uwa on the birth of her new baby!

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Barbara Cofield, Ms. Jennifer Jordan, Ms. Gail Muhammad, Ms. Julia Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Mr. Mark Thurton, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of November.



We wish a speedy recovery to board member Conor Ross.



The next meeting of Community Board 8 will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6PM at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue).



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